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SUBJ: DENKTASH AND REFUGEES

1. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER HAS JUST SEEN DENKTASH. HE TRIED TO EDGE HIM A BIT ON THE REFUGEE PROBLEM. SAID IT DOUBTFUL THAT MANY GREEK CYPRIOTS WILL WANT TO LIVE PERMANENTLY IN TURKISH ZONE. IT WOULD, NEVERTHELESS, EASE TENSIONS ENORMOUSLY IF AT LEAST SOME GREEK CYPRIOTS COULD RETURN TO THEIR HOMES, FARMS, OR BUSINESSES, EVEN IF ON A TEMPORARY BASIS. THEY COULD THEN ASSESS THE FUTURE AND THEIR VIEWS WOULD HAVE AN EFFECT ON THOSE WHO COULD NOT MAKE THE TRIP. DENKTASH SAID HE HAD TWO POINTS TO MAKE. FIRST, THE TURKS WILL NEVER AGAIN BE A MINORITY GROUP IN THE AREA THEY CONTROL; SECOND, HE WILL NEVER ALLOW EOKA OR OTHER EXTREMISTS TO ENTER. OTHERWISE, HE CAN UNDERSTAND THE ADVANTAGES OF SOME FLEXIBILITY. HE WILL THINK ABOUT IT.

2. I PLAN TO MAKE THEPOINT AGAIN WITH DENKTASH TONIGHT. I WILL ALSO SUGGEST THAT HE TRY TO WORK OUT IN HIS MIND EXACTLY WHAT CAN BE DONE AND BE READY TO DISCUSS IT WITH CLERIDES AT THEIR MONDAY MEETING. BROWN

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